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Melissa Miller-Henson,

I was unable to attend the public workshop in my area, because I was ill. But I need to make a plea for MPAs in the State of California.

I want to encourage the State of California to increase the size and magnitude of our state's Marine Protected Areas. We protect more land than we do ocean, yet we rely just as heavily on our oceans for our food, our economy, and our livelihoods.

It is crucial we increase the size of areas off-limits to commercial fishing activities. It is crucial we reroute major shipping lanes that currently run through critical swimways, dumping pollutants and injuring marine mammals.

We need to continue to decrease the impact of the US military operations adjacent or within the State of California's MPAs.

Our natural resources are at their breaking point. We have already lost more than 90% of our tuna and swordfish; pollutants and non-native species invasions are devastating native populations.

WE NEED TO ACT STRONGLY AND IMMEDIATELY TO CHANGE THE TIDE OF NATURAL RESOURCE DEGRADATION.

I rely heavily on the ocean and the bay for my livelihood as a sea kayak guide, instructor, and outdoor educator. I eat fish and oysters. I want to have children someday, who will love the sea like me.

Thank you.
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